

# Grace Gifts

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Part 3)



“For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”—Rom. 12:4-5 (NASB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA  
Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, AD 2022

# The LORD'S Day

The Eighth Day of May, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which became a major issue of contention in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century AD.

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"Praise God From Whom all Blessings"* (#554).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"Our Great Savior"* (#1; vv. 1-4).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: I Cor. 12:7-11, 27-30.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Loyalty to Christ"* (#461).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"There's a Quiet Understanding"* (#3).

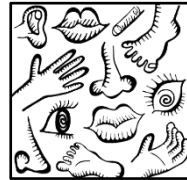
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"SPIRITUAL GIFTS: WHERE DO I FIT IN?"*

Closing Hymn:\* *"Take my Life and Let it Be"* (#380).

Benediction.\*



*1 Cor. 12:14: "For the body is not one member, but many."*

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*\*The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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## Week of May 1-7

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—21

Midweek—6; Church Offering: \$993.<sup>00</sup>

## Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Our studies in **Daniel 4** continue as Daniel, with great sorrow, begins to interpret the meaning of the *Dream of the Great Tree* unto Nebuchadnezzar.



## Today's Verses for Reflection:

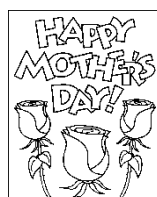
"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."—Rom. 12:6-8 (ESV)

**Pastor Keith Merriman** will be appearing at the Allegheny Conservative Grace Brethren District Conference on **Saturday, May 21**, at **Camp Albryoca** near Meyersdale, and will be giving a Power-Point presentation on our **African Missions**. Please see Pastor Reese if you are interested in going down. Registration is **9:30 AM**, and the event will wrap-up around **3:00 PM**.



Pastor Keith

We wish a most blessed day unto all of our ladies this morning—*wives, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and our sisters in Christ*—and we honor each them for their sacred role within our homes and within our churches.



## THOUGHTS... on Spiritual Gifts

“God’s gifts are not given capriciously; neither are they given in such a way that the option for their use is left with us. As the gifts are discovered they are to be developed and used to the full in His service and to His glory. God distributes His gifts for His purposes and for the good of His people. His sovereign administration of these gifts must be acknowledged as right and proper by His people, even when they cannot see the good.”—Jay Adams

*“When we exercise the gifts which Christ has given us we are really saying to our fellow Christians and others: See how much the Lord Jesus Christ loves you and cares for you; He has sent me to serve you in this way; He is using my hands and feet, my lips and ears, to show His love. It is a tragic mistake if we think that the message is: ‘See what a superb Christian I am; see the wonderful gifts I have...’ Gifts are for service, not self-advancement.”—Sinclair Ferguson*

“The reception of a spiritual gift is not the result of prayer, fasting, tears or sacrifice on the part of the recipient, but is a gift of grace, for the good of the body of Christ and is received at conversion when we are baptized into that body by the Holy Spirit.”—George Gardiner

“We must not envy them that have greater gifts, for if we have any it is more than [our] due or than we have deserved; and this will teach us to be contented with that which we have had. Let us then look on what we have and give God thanks for it, and know that if we should have more, He would give more; yea if we consider that they that have much must make the greater account, and that we are unfit to do so, we will thank God that we have no more than we have.”—Richard Greenham

“Christians are not assembly-line productions, with every unit being exactly like every other unit. Consequently, no Christian can replace another in God’s plan. He has His own individualized plan for each of us and has individually gifted us accordingly. We are not interchangeable parts in Christ’s Body.”—John MacArthur

“Not to use our gift is an affront to God’s wisdom, a rebuff of His love and grace, and a loss to His church. We did not determine our gift, deserve it, or earn it. But we all have a gift from the Lord, and if we do not use it, His work is weakened and His heart is grieved.”—John MacArthur